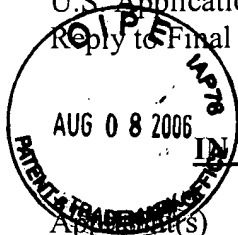


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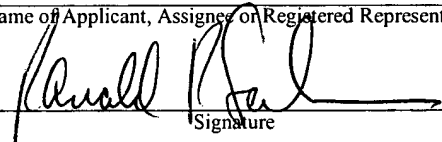
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on August 3, 2006, Applicants respond as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.